City of Seat Pleasant

Office of the City Administrator

A SMART CITY OF EXCELLENCE

"Seat Pleasant offers Smart City Services that are better, faster and personalized making it a City for me using information and communication technology, with the internet of things"

Department Name: <u>POLICE</u>

Date of Report: <u>07/28/2017</u>   **Reporting Period: <u>June 23, 2017 thru July 28, 2017</u>**

Summarize significant department progress for the reporting period that is indicative of providing services that are better, faster and personalized.

Our department continues to move towards a better, faster, more personalized Smart City approach using the internet of things. We continue to work on shaping our internal structure, processes, and policies to become more efficient in our service delivery to our residents and visitors.

- **On July 11th,** the department began the process of automating our fleet to be in line with the Smart Cities strategic goals. We instituted a fleet management program offered by Verizon Wireless known as fleet telematics. Verizon installed devices on each of the departments vehicles 2012 and older. The devices keep track of fuel consumption, driving patterns, location information, fleet maintenance issues, and able to alert supervisors of potential issues with a specific vehicle with automated alerts. Going forward all cruisers within the department will be required to have this device installed for fleet management efficiency.
- **On July 24th,** Corporal Loving, Officer Lee, and Officer Covington began bike patrol school a new initiative of the police department that focuses on community oriented policing. Officers are now equipped with police mountain bikes, which allows them to patrol the community utilizing bicycles instead of cruisers. This initiative will hopefully provide more community contact and interaction with our citizens. It also enables us to patrol areas such as the Chesapeake Trail where it is not as accessible by patrol vehicles. Bike schools have been scheduled for the remainder of the department throughout the coming months.
- **On July 25th,** the department began moving all vehicles 2012 and older to the Prince George's County fuel system. The strategic move is to save tax payer dollars on fuel consumption by the Police department. The County pays approximately $1.19 less than the City for unleaded fuel. The estimated yearly savings is over $10,000. All new vehicles added to the police department fleet will be required to use the County fuel system.

Notable Criminal Incidents:

- **July 28th – Commercial Armed Robbery:** On June 28th, the Game Stop store located in the 6200 block of Central Avenue was robbed at gun point. Two males entered the businesses brandished a handgun and demanded money. An officer working secondary employment in the area was flagged down by a citizen and advised of the robbery. The offer took cover and observed the males in the store, radioed for assistance through public safety communications. The males exited the business and the officer gave verbal commands, however the suspects ran to a nearby awaiting vehicle. The suspects fled out of the shopping center, leading officers on a brief pursuit through the District of Columbia and then back into the County where they were apprehended. This investigation is still on-going.
- **July 12th, – Commercial Armed Robbery:** On July 12th, Officers responded to the 6800 block of James Farmer Way for a reported commercial robbery. A lone male entered the business, brandished a handgun and demanded cash from the register. The suspect then fled on foot. Officers in the area setup a perimeter but were unable to locate the subject. Through the work of our own criminal investigators and the District of Columbia the male subject was taken into custody later.
- **July 11th, – Citizen Armed Robbery**: On July 11th, officers were alerted by public safety communications of a male who walked into Prince George's Hospital with a stab wound from a robbery. The male advised he was robbed to the rear of the Seat Pleasant Elementary school near the KD Basketball Courts. A male subject approached the victim, stabbed him in the chest and then stole his necklace. This investigation is on-going with Maryland Park and Planning Police.

Analyze department improvements that are needed and/or achieved based on the Smart City model.

We have begun to implementing the Verizon Fleet Telematics program to help us better gauge the usage of our current police fleet. Using the Smart City model, we will not be able to make smart decisions about our fleet using the data collected from each vehicle and uploaded to our departments network cloud. Prior to the implementation of this program, the department along with the transportation officer for the department of public works tracked all vehicles related matters on paper.

Indicate problems identified, barriers encountered and solutions reached.

The department identified areas within the City that require a unique patrol perspective such as the Chesapeake Railway Trails. These trails cannot be readily accessed by patrol vehicles easily. The department has made investments in electric motorcycles, Spyder bikes, and police patrol bicycles to access these areas and effectively patrol them.

Identify goals for the next reporting period.

Goal: Continue reviewing and rewriting the department's general orders.
Goal: Final preparation for the arrival of the new police fleet.
Goal: Policies, procedures, and continue training for the bike patrol program.
Goal: Realignment of the Code Enforcement Division and processes.

Supporting Documentation: Source: Office of the City Treasurer

Revenue

FY **16** Budget (Previous Year)	FY **17** Budget (Current Year)	FY **17** Actual (Current Year)
Not available at time of report	**Not available at time of report**	**Not available at time of report**

Expenditures

FY **16** Budget (Previous Year)	FY **17** Budget (Current Year)	FY **17** Actual (Current Year)
Not available at time of report	**Not available at time of report**	**Not available at time of report**

Attachments:

Officers get classroom training for the new Bike Patrol Program

Officers pose at the National Mall after cycling 30 miles from Maryland into DC for training